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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of a Woman Honorary Medical Officer in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore - letter to Mr. Muhammad Shamsu M.L.C.

From

Khan Bahadur, M. Mohammad Sahib, M. L. C.
"Sea-View", Kasaragod S. K.

To the Hon'ble, Diwan Bahadur,
J. Kumaraswamy Reddiar 9813
Minister to the Government of Madras
Education and Public Health.

Dated 2nd September 1936

Sir,

I beg to bring to your notice the difficulties which the Bosha ladies of Mangalore are undergoing on account of the appointment of a man doctor, one Mr. G. Shiva Rao, as honorary surgeon in the women and children (Lady Goschen) hospital at Mangalore.

This hospital was and is intended for supplying the needs of women, especially Bosha women. Otherwise it would be sheer waste of public money to maintain this hospital as a seperate institution, when the Wenlock hospital - which is a well equipped and well staffed institution - is only within half a furlong from this hospital.

To make the matter worse Mr. Shiva Rao is put in charge of the maternity ward. The two women doctors that are in charge of the hospital are able and experienced hands and can very well attend to all the work and there is no need for a third hand. Many women requiring medical aid are prevented from taking advantage of this hospital on acc

of a man doctor being there.

May I request you therefore to be good enough to consider the difficulties of the women patients and to see that no man doctor is put in charge of any work in the hospital and if an honorary surgeon has to be appointed, to appoint one only where woman doctor is available?

I am, Sir;

Yours truly

M Seacombe

Estt. Dept

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Establishment - Medl. Institutions
Lady Goschen Hospital,
Mangalore - Employment
of a woman Honorary Medl.
Officer in place of the Male
Honorary Physician.

Memo 11339-41 Dr Pbh 30-X-86

Sir, I am directed ~~to request~~
~~to State when the further~~
attention is invited to
~~report requested to be~~
his note R. Nr. ~~3487~~ 3157 Estt.
dated 1.~~X~~.X. 86 on the
above subject ~~was~~ ~~be~~
~~requested~~ & he is requested
to report the result of his visit to
Mangalore & the further advertisement
for the post of Hon'y. woman Medl.
Officer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Dr 7/11/86

Sd/- 29/10/86

Sd/- 30.10.36

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Education and Public Health Department.

Memorandum No. 11339 -1 D2 P.H., dated 30th O c t o b e r 1936.

Establishment - Medical Institutions - Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore - Employment of a Woman Honorary Medical Officer in place of the Male Honorary Physician.

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The Surgeon General's attention is invited to his note R.No. 3157 Est. dated 1st October 1936 on the above subject and he is requested to report the result of his visit to Mangalore and of the further advertisement for the post of Honorary Woman Medical Officer.

C.H.Masterman

Secretary to Government.

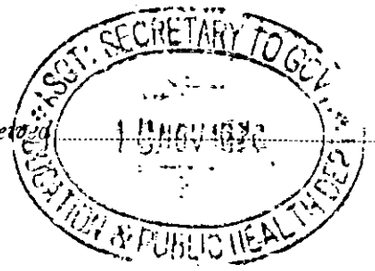
To the Surgeon- General.

F o r w a r d e d

(By order)

Superintendent.

Education and Public Health DEPARTMENT.



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Establishment - Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore - employment of a Woman Honorary Medical Officer in place of the Male Honorary Physician

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In.R.No. 3157 Establishment.

Station Madras., *Dated the* 4th November, 1936.

From (Name) Lt. Col. Clive Newcomb, I.M.S.,
(Designation) Offg. Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

Ref:- Correspondence ending with Government Memo No. 11339-1 D2 P.H. dated 30-10-36.

During my recent visit to Mangalore Mr. M.Schamnad, M.L.C., interviewed me and objected to the presence of a Male Honorary Physician at the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore. A notification calling for applications for appointments of Honorary Medical Officers in the Department will be issued at the beginning of the next year and the vacancy for a Woman Honorary Medical Officer at the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore, will be included in the notification. If a suitable woman

woman applicant is available, she will be recommended to Government for appointment in place of the Male Honorary Physician at the Hospital.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Lt. Col. I.M.S.,
Offg. Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

K.G./14-11.

Exyract from the proce-dings of the
Legislative Council dated 23-3 '36.

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I wish to point out Sir, that we have got a hospital as Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore for Women and Children in Mangalore, but a male doctor has been appointed as Honorary surgeon there, and to make matters worse he has been put in chagge of the maternity ward. Of course there are two lady doctors attached to the Hospital, one of whom is an M.B.B.S. and has twenty years experience; and the other is an L.M.P. with 21 or 22 years experience; both of them are very competent persons. When I asked a question the other day about this, I was told that in the last two years the honorary surgeon had performed 92 operations of a difficult nature which included 3 Caesarian sections. I do not know what is meant by difficult operations, because all normal cases are conducted by midwives and nurses and it is only the difficult cases that are being attended to by the lady doctors; and when they say that as many as 92 cases were attended to by this honorary surgeon, I do not think I can believe that statement. Moreover Sir, that in the special Maternity ward attached to the hospital, it is only that these two ladies that attend to all cases; and when they stated that he treated difficult cases, I think they must be labour complex which include Caesarian sections, application of forceps &c As a matter of fact, all these cases are conducted by these lady doctors. Did the honorary surgeon conduct any more difficult operations ?.Perhaps it may be in difficult cases where they went more than two persons, they might have required the help of somebody else; and of course in such cases

cases nobody would object to the calling in of a male doctor; but to put a male doctor in charge of a maternity ward is a thing which cannot be tolerated . When I wrote a letter to the Govt . about this, I got a reply stating that they have advertised for a Lady doctor and that as soon as they get a suitable candidate, she would be placed in charge of it. I may here point out that a Lady doctor from outside South Kanara would not go out of her place to do honorary work. They are not likely to get a suitable lady candidate in South Kanara itself. Moreover in their reply it is stated that if people desire to observe purdha they would make suitable arrangements for attendance by women medical officers. Where are they going to get women medical officers from and if these two lady doctors are not competent how will they supply the need. If the Govt. think that lady-doctors are not as competent as men doctors to perform big operations I can understand it, but they do not say so. In this case these lady doctors have performed all major operations. So there is something beyond this and I want the Government to let me know about it. What the Honorary surgeon performs these lady doctors also perform and so where is the necessity for a male element. Besides this Sir, this gentlemen has got his own private hospital and he simply comes for a few minutes to the hospital, goes round the wards and then returns home; there is an end of it. I want to know whether there is any necessity for an honorary surgeon, and if at all there is any necessity, only a female honorary surgeon should be appointed. It is scandalous that Goshha ladies should be compelled to be attended to by male doctors. For instance in Madras the Gosha ladies go to the Gosha hospital. The other ladies also go to the other hospitals. I have no objection to their going to other hospitals,but you shpuld not force thise who object to their being attended to by male doctors and such ladies should not be made to go without any medical aid.

Therefore I request the Govt. to see that these gosha ladies are enabled to take advantage of our medical institutions. So far as the Mangalore hospital is concerned, I would request that if they cannot appoint a separate honorary lady doctor, they must at least remove the male doctor from the place.

Edn. and P.H. Department

C.No. 9813 / 2-9-36

From Khan Bahadur M. Schamand Sahib M.L.C. -

Sub: Medical Institutions - Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore - Appointment of woman Medical officer in place of the male Hon. ~~Surgeon~~ Physician.

The existing staff of the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore, consists of

1. One male Hon. Physician,
2. One Woman Asst. Surgeon,
3. One Woman Sub. Asst. Surgeon.

The male Hon. Physician is reported to be in charge of the maternity ward.

2. Mr. Schamand Sahib points out the inadvisability of placing a male medical officer in charge of the maternity ward. He states that many women, especially gosha women, are very much handicapped by this arrangement. He therefore requests that the whole of the hospital may be put in charge of the existing paid women medical officers and that if an Hon. medical officer is considered necessary, a woman doctor may be appointed when available.

3. In 1935, Mr. Schamand made similar complaints The Govt. ordered the replacement of the male Hon. physician by a woman medical officer as soon as one became available. Mr. Schamand also was informed of the decision of the Govt. - Vide D.O. No. 12064-1D2(P.H) dated 25-3-36 and also G.O. No. 942 P.H. dated 25-3-36. Evidently the old arrangement continues even now hence the present representation. It is for consideration whether the appointment of the Hon. Physician should be terminated even before an Hon. woman medical officer is appointed in his place. The file may be sent U.O. to the S.G. for remarks and for report regarding the action taken to secure the services of an Hon. woman medical officer.

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Whether any chances of securing the services of an Hony Woman medical officer exist now?

S.G. 24/9/36

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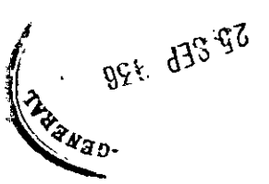

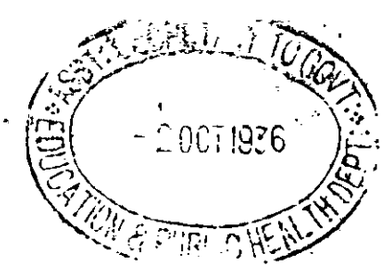

R. No. 3157 Est. Surgeon-General's Office,

Madras, 30th Sept., 1936.
1st Oct. 1936

An attempt was made to secure the services of an Honorary woman Medical Officer but there was no response to the advertisement. The appointment will be advertised again, ~~when the next advertisement is issued occasion.~~ or I will go to Bangalore & make enquiries

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1 Oct 36

To

The Secy. to Govt.,

Edn. and P.H. Dept., u.o.

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Please see the S.G's note at page 2 ante.

He reports that there were no applications from women for appointment in an honorary capacity. He proposes to advertise the post again. In the meantime he proposes to go to Mangalore and enquire into the matter personally.

It is not known whether his proposed visit to Mangalore is for this specific purpose only or for anything else. Any how it is doubtful whether this matter in itself is so very important as to require his personal inspection. There seems however no objection to the proposal, provided there is no extra cost to Govt. on this account.

The S.G is going to Mangalore for this reason must work it will see to this during his visit.
Cotton 1/10/30

As regards the proposal to advertise the post again it is doubtful whether it will be attended with success. Twice the post was advertised with no success. Evidently there is no suitable woman candidate in the locality. It is doubtful whether an outsider will go to Mangalore for this purpose.

The necessity for removing the existing the Honorary male physician was emphasised in the Legislative Council in March last. An extract of the proceedings is put up at (X).

It may perhaps be useful to know the situation in the Women and Children Hospital, Calicut in this respect. The following is a statement showing the bedstrength, the No. of medical officers, the daily average in and out patient attendance in these two institutions.

P.T.O.

	Lady Goschen Hospital Mangalore.	Women and Children Hospital Calicut.
Bedstrength	60	6 4
Daily average attendance.	~~In-Patients. Out Patients.~~	~~In-Patients. Out-patients~~
In-Patients. 1935	77.05	93.91
Out-Patients	206. 52	200.78
	One Woman Asst. Surgeon	One Woman Asst. Surgeon
	One Woman Sub. Asst. Surgeon	One W.S. A.S.
	One Honorary Male Physician.	One honorary male Asst. Surgeon

~~It is however for consideration whether~~ The results of ~~the~~ further advertisement ~~should~~ may be awaited. ~~for a decision regarding the further continuance of~~ the male honorary Physician in charge of the maternity ward in the Lady Goschen Hospital at ~~Mangalore~~.

3.10.36. 5/10 Lee

The result of the S.G.'s visit & of the further advertisement may be awaited.

6/10/36

No further report (has been received from) with reference to the S. G's report ~~report~~ to his note at p. 2 ante ~~has made been made~~. A draft memo is put up below for approval.

30.10.36. 30/10

for 3 Cy
for 4 Cy

(Memo No 11339-1 dt Mdy 30-x-36)
On 1912 8 from Hi of Sr 21849. Est
dy 14-11-36

Please see SG's letter at for 4 Cy. stating that applications for the post of Honorary Med. Officer will be called for early next year and that a Woman Med. Officer an Honry will be recommended for appointment in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore of a suitable candidate is available. No further action is called for now.

~~The papers may be returned.~~

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A reply may be sent to Mr. Schammad on the lines of the SG's reply as applies C.F.

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A draft letter is put up below for approval.

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Local & P.W. Dept

Letter No. 2644 / 22-12-36.

To.

Khan Bahadur Muhammad Saheb Sahib M.L.C.
Kasargod

Sir,

Subject:

Appointment of a woman Honorary Medical Officer in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

With reference to your letter dated the 2nd September 1936, I am directed to inform you that applications will be invited for the appointment of an honorary woman medical officer in the W.T.C. (Lady Goschen) Hospital, Mangalore at the beginning of the next year and if a suitable candidate is available, she will be appointed in the place of the male honorary Physician in the hospital

I have etc.